

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.	: 10/698,835	Art Unit	: 3736
Applicant	: Richard Arnott	Examiner	: Hoekstra, J.
App. Filing Date	: 10/31/2003		
Title	: Quick-release torquer apparatus for Delivering and maintaining a medical guidewire		

**PRELIMINARY RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT FILED CONCURRENTLY WITH
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

Dear Sir:

In response to the final office action dated July 13, 2006, in conjunction with the RCE filed concurrently herewith, applicant hereby amends the above-identified application and responds as follows. Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this response. Remarks begin on page 6. A Rule 131 affidavit is also included as part of this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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